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ASSASSINATION OF HIGH OFFICIALS

Many Officers Slain By Hand of
Dangerous Element That Threat-
ens Existing Regime.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—An official dispatch received this afternoon by the state department, from Bucharest, is to the effect that the prime minister of Roumania has been shot and seriously wounded by an anarchist.

London, Eng., Dec. 22.—A remarkable series of political assassinations of personages high in office is reported today from widely separated points.

In Seoul, Korea, Premier Yi, the head of the Korean cabinet, was stabbed to death by Yi Chaim Yog, another Korean. This was the apparent result of the intense feeling in Korea against the Japanese influence.

In St. Petersburg, the chief of secret police, Colonel Karpoff, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a bomb, supposedly thrown by an anarchist.

In Bombay, British India, the chief magistrate of Nalsk, Arthur M. T. Jackson, while attending a special performance was assassinated, by a native for revenge and presumably as

LEOPOLD'S BODY PLACED IN ROYAL BURIAL VAULT

By Associated Press.

Brussels, Dec. 22.—The body of Leopold II, late king of Belgium, was placed today, in the royal burial vault in the church of St. Mary at Laeken, the suburban residence of the royal family. Near it rests the remains of his queen, Marine Henrietta, Princess Josephine and the young Duke of Brabant.

To Captain Army Team.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Lieutenant W. M. Clapton Jr., of the Thirteenth Cavalry has been designated by the war department as captain of the army cavalry team to compete in the national rifle match for 1910.

part of the seditious movement against the British official.

In these countries the general authority is menaced by a dangerous element directed against the existing regime.

Colonel Karpoff was lured to a house in a remote street and blown to pieces by the bomb exploded, presumably by his host, Michael Vosskressensky. The latter was captured.

What ever may have been the immediate motive for the assassination of Magistrate Jackson, the outrage can not fail to increase the ever present fear of an uprising against British rule in India.

IS TAFT VICTIM OF CONSPIRACY?

Congress Adjourns Until January 4—
Initial Steps Taken Toward In-
vestigating Controversy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—That the double force of the Taft administration is behind the investigation demanded by both sides of the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, was dispelled by events in and out of congress yesterday. There is now no question but that Taft himself is eager for a merciless probing of the whole matter as he was hitherto reluctant to admit a necessity for it. Men in position to know the sentiments of Taft declared last night that he has at least become convinced of the truth of what his friends have been telling him for many weeks of what he has hitherto laughed at, that there lies behind the attack on Ballinger a more or less definitely organized movement to discredit the Taft administration especially by spreading the impression that the so-called "Roosevelt policies" are in unfriendly hands; that Ballinger was made a target only on the theory that he offered for the present the most vulnerable point in the administration.

Having opened a channel for congressional inquiry, the selection of the proper tribunal to hear evidence for and against both Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot becomes a very important question. Attention was given to this subject today. Republican lawyers in the senate have practically agreed that Senator Nelson, chairman of the committee on public lands should be at the head of the probing body. It is likely, therefore, that a decision, if the senate is determined in the selection, will fall upon the senate committee on public lands.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Congress adjourned yesterday until January 4. In the senate important initial steps were taken towards congressional investigation of the long existing controversy between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot. A resolution by Senator Flint calling for all papers bearing upon the case was adopted. Senator Jones read to the senate a letter from Secretary Ballinger practically demanding an inquiry.

A resolution by Senator Gore naming an investigating committee of eight members of each senate and house, and including on that committee several of the so-called "insurgent senators," was successfully side-tracked by Aldrich, who had it referred to the committee on public lands.

The house was in session but ten minutes.

OKLAHOMA REPUBLICANS
SEEING A GREAT LIGHT.

By Associated Press.
Enid, Okla., Dec. 22.—Judge M. C. Garber, of Enid, today announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for representative to congress from the First Oklahoma district. He will, it is announced, make the race on an anti-Cannon platform.

LONG SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

T. W. Beets is Selected to Fill Vacancy
in Fourth Ward—Pass Ordinance
to Tax All Venders.

The city council held one of the longest and busiest sessions of its history last night, with all members present. The council elected T. W. Beets of the fourth ward to fill the vacancy on the board of aldermen.

The usual monthly budget of bills was presented and allowed, with the exception of the judgment of G. P. Fogle, former city clerk, which was for an amount claimed for clerk hire during his term of office, and which the former council refused to allow.

The matter of the charges preferred against the night police force was presented, and the council decided to call a special meeting for Thursday night to consider these charges. The charges are included in the report of the police committee and were not read at the meeting last night.

The water proposition was the subject of a pretty lengthy discussion, and the water committee was instructed to have an inventory made of all of the taps or persons using city water, so that the city may have a new basis upon which to work the coming year.

The bids for the construction of a sanitary sewer in three districts were received and referred to the sewer committee for action. These sewers are to be constructed in blocks 26, 47 and 42. A new sewer district was created to include blocks 79, 67 and 54, in the south part of town. The city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of a sewer in this district.

An ordinance was passed for the paving of South Wilson street, and the clerk will advertise for bids on the same.

The matter of some property owners paying E. J. Overley & Company in cash for work done in this city, instead of going to the treasurer was taken up, and the committee in charge of the same asked for some time in which to submit its reports.

The council passed an ordinance providing for a license of \$25 per year for all venders of vegetables and meats in the city, other than farmers or the producers. This law will not in any way interfere with farmers, who have any kind of produce for sale, but merely affects peddlers. A tax or license of \$10 per day is made on cars of bananas of other produce sold at cut rate sales.

MANY MINERS INJURED
IN McALESTER ACCIDENT.

By Associated Press.
McAlester, Okla., Dec. 22.—An explosion occurred in Sample's number two coal mine, three miles from here today, in which it is reported many miners were hurt. Physicians and ambulances have gone from here to the scene.

Mrs. N. C. Berry, who has been the guest of Miss Nannie Garrison, returned to Afton this morning.

COMPLETE VICTORY FOR ESTRADA'S FOLLOWERS

By Associated Press.

Bluefields, Nic., Dec. 22.—General Estrada has won a complete victory over the government troops at Rama. A total of six hundred men of both armies were killed or wounded. Nineteen hundred of Zelaya's men have surrendered, including General Gonzales, who was in command. Two Americans are reported killed. Surgeons have been landed from the American warships to care for the wounded.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Confirmation of the Associated Press dispatches from Nicaragua was received today at the navy department, in a cablegram from Shipley, of the cruiser Des Moines at Bluefields. Shipley places the government loss in yesterday's battle at twenty-six hundred, killed, wounded and captured. Estrada is confident of complete success.

WARRINER SENTENCED TO
SIX YEARS IN PRISON.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—Charles L. Warriner, deposed local treasurer of the Big Four railroad, plead guilty to embezzlement here today, and was sentenced to six years in the Ohio penitentiary.

GREAT INCREASE IN YEAR'S BUSINESS

Business Done By Ratcliff-Sanders for
Year 1909, Far Exceeds
Expectations.

"The business of the year just closing is by far the best this house has ever enjoyed," was the statement of R. C. Helmick, local manager of the Ratcliff-Sanders Grocery company.

It has been known that the business of this wholesale house had been on the increase during the past year, but the magnitude of the increase in business over 1908, would astonish the citizens of busy Vinita, if it were known. Mr. Helmick would not make a statement as to the amount of the increase over last year, but intimated that it had exceeded his most sanguine hopes at the beginning of the year.

Not only has the Ratcliff-Sanders company enjoyed an era of untold prosperity, but the retail merchants of the city, almost to a man report the biggest years business of their existence. This increase in business has come, notwithstanding the many new stores that have opened in the city during the present year, and is the best evidence of the solidity of Vinita business houses.

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A pair of Shoes always

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be given next Thursday, December 23.

HER FIRST CHRISTMAS.

We hung up the tiny, wee stocking,
Close by the warm chimney-side,
So when Santa Claus came with her presents
'Twould be the first thing that he spied:
We stole to the little white cradle,
Where our sweet, fender one lay—
Her head of brown curls on the pillow,
Dreaming the night hours away!

We gazed on the beautiful dreamer—
Gazed through the mist of our tears,
As we thought of that wonderful season
Far back in the drift of the years,
When the Angels sang to the Shepherds,
At the break of the First Christmas morn,
The Peace and the Good Will of Heaven—
The news that "a Savior is born."

We hung up the tiny, wee stocking,
And smiled in our love as we thought
Of the joy of our beautiful darling
When she saw what Old Santa had brought;
We thought of our dear little angel—
Our Darling in Dreamland astray—
And we longed for the first ray of sunlight
To shine on her First Christmas day.

—Preston S. Davis.

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Tea Spoons set of 6, \$4.50 to \$10
Dessert "poons \$11.00 to \$18.00
Sugar Shells - - \$1.50 to \$3.00
Cream Ladles - \$1.50 to \$4 00

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Knives & Forks, set of 6, \$3 to \$12
Tea Spoons, set of 6, \$1.50 to 2.50
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Sugar Shells - - - 75c to \$1.25

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